

The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

OLYMPIC AIR, INC. and CATLIN INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.,

No. 2:17-cv-01257-RSL

Plaintiffs,

vs.

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

HELICOPTER TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, Limited Partnership, a Nevada Limited Partnership; HELICOPTER TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, a California corporation, General Partner for HELICOPTER TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, Limited Partnership; HELICOPTER TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, LLC, a foreign limited liability company and/or d/b/a of HELICOPTER TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, Limited Partnership; and MD HELICOPTERS, INC., an Arizona corporation, and DOES 1 through 10,

Defendants.

WILLIAM G. REED and MARY E. REED, husband and wife, and the marital community composed thereof,

Plaintiffs,

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 Arizona corporation, and JOHN DOES 1 through
 10,

Defendants.

1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action will involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition this Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this agreement is consistent with LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery. The protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file confidential information under seal.

2. "CONFIDENTIAL" MATERIAL

"Confidential" material shall include, ~~but not necessarily be limited to~~, the following documents and tangible things produced or otherwise exchanged: Any information, material or document a person or entity in good faith believes constitutes or reveals (1) a trade secret or other confidential research, development, financial, proprietary, or commercial information, (2) a person's medical records, (3) a

1 person's confidential employment records, (4) any information copied or extracted from confidential
2 material; (5) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of confidential material; and (6) any
3 testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal confidential
4 material. However, the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover information that is in the
5 public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or otherwise.

6 **3. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

7 3.1 Basic Principles. A receiving party may use confidential material that is disclosed or
8 produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,
9 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential material may be disclosed only to the
10 categories of persons and under the conditions described in this agreement. Confidential material must
11 be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that
12 access is limited to the persons authorized under this agreement.

13 3.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the
14 court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose any confidential
15 material only to:

- 16 (a) the receiving party's counsel of record in this action, as well as employees and
17 independent contractor attorneys and office staff of counsel to whom it is
18 reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;
- 19 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including in-house counsel) of the
20 receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation,
21 unless the parties agree that a particular document or material produced is for
22 Attorney's Eyes Only and is so designated;
- 23 (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this
24 litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be
25 Bound" (Exhibit A);
- (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

- 1 (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of
2 confidential material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or
3 imaging service instructs the service not to disclose any confidential material to
4 third parties and to immediately return all originals and copies of any confidential
5 material;
6 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is reasonably
7 necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be
8 Bound" (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered
9 by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions
10 that reveal confidential material must be separately bound by the court reporter
11 and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this agreement;
12 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or
13 other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

14 3.3 Filing Confidential Material. Before filing confidential material or discussing or
15 referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating party to
16 determine whether the designating party will remove the confidential designation, whether the document
17 can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and proposed order is warranted. Local Civil
18 Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a
19 party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

20 4. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

21 4.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each party or non-
22 party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must take care to limit any
23 such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The designating
24 party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written
25 communications that qualify, so that other portions of the material, documents (including, but not
limited to, answers to interrogatories), items, or communications for which protection is not warranted
are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement.

1 4.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this agreement
2 (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, disclosure or
3 discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must be clearly so designated
4 before or when the material is disclosed or produced. In addition, the following documents produced by
5 Defendants HTC shall be considered confidential under the terms of this Protective Order:

6 HTC 000001-51

7 HTC 000059-117

8 HTC 000120-154

9 In addition, the following documents produced by the Reed Plaintiffs shall be considered
10 confidential under the terms of this Protective Order:

11 REED 000001 – 006044

- 12 (a) Information in documentary form: (e.g., paper or electronic documents and
13 deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or
14 trial proceedings), the designating party must affix the word "CONFIDENTIAL"
15 to each page that contains confidential material. If only a portion or portions of
16 the material on a page qualifies for protection, the producing party also must
17 clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in
18 the margins).
- 19 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings: the parties
20 must identify on the record, during the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding,
21 all protected testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other
22 testimony after reviewing the transcript. Any party or non-party may, within
23 fifteen days after receiving a deposition transcript, designate portions of the
24 transcript, or exhibits thereto, as confidential.
- 25 (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place on the
exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored
the word "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or portions of the information or
item warrant protection, the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall
identify the protected portion(s).

22 4.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate
23 qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party's right to secure
24 protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the receiving

1 party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is treated in accordance with the
2 provisions of this agreement.

3 **5. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

4 5.1 Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of
5 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party's confidentiality
6 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or
7 a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to challenge a
8 confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original designation
9 is disclosed.

10 5.2 Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute regarding
11 confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding confidential designations or
12 for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or in a declaration or affidavit, that the
13 movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer conference with other affected parties in an effort to
14 resolve the dispute without court action. The certification must list the date, manner, and participants to
15 the conference. A good faith effort to confer requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference.

16 5.3 Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention,
17 the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Local Civil Rule 7 (and
18 in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable). The burden of persuasion in any such motion
19 shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to
20 harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the challenging party
21 to sanctions. All parties shall continue to maintain the material in question as confidential until the court
22 rules on the challenge.
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1 **6. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER**
2 **LITIGATION**

3 If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels
4 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL," that party must:

- 5 (a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of the subpoena or
6 court order;
- 7 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the
8 other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is
9 subject to this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and
- 10 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the
11 designating party whose confidential material may be affected.

12 **7. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

13 If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed confidential
14 material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this agreement, the receiving party
15 must immediately: (a) notify in writing the designating party of the unauthorized disclosures; (b) use its
16 best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the protected material; (c) inform the person or persons
17 to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this agreement; and (d) request that
18 such person or persons execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached
19 hereto as Exhibit A.

20 **8. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED**
21 **MATERIAL**

22 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently produced
23 material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the receiving parties are
24 those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify
25 whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order or agreement that provides for
production without prior privilege review. Parties shall confer on an appropriate non-waiver order under

1 Fed. R. Evid. 502.

2 **9. NON-TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS**

3 Within 60 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each receiving party
4 must return all confidential material to the producing party, including all copies, extracts and summaries
5 thereof. Alternatively, the parties may agree upon appropriate methods of destruction. Counsel for the
6 parties may retain copies of such documents until the expiration of all statutes of limitations for all
7 claims that might be brought upon the facts of this case or upon the litigation itself including malpractice
8 claims.

9 Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival copy of all documents
10 filed with the court, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, correspondence, deposition and trial
11 exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such
12 materials contain confidential material.

13 The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect until a
14 designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a court orders otherwise.

15 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

16 *E-signature authorized via email*

17 DATED: September 30, 2019

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17 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 DATED: Oct. 2, 2019

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21 HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK
22 United States District Judge
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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of _____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on _____, 2019, in the case of *Olympic Air, Inc., et al. v. Helicopter Technology Company, et al.*, Cause No. 2:17-cv-01257-RSL. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

(Date)

(City and State Where Sworn and Signed)

(Printed Name)

(Signature)